services of a public relations firm to conduct activities on its behalf in the United States of America;

(b) whether such an arrangement entails reciprocal arrangements for the United States of America in India;

(c) the terms offered to the firm and the criteria to be applied for assessing its performance; and

(d) the annual expenditure likely to be incurred by Government on that account?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Government's decision to enage the services of a professional US firm was determined by the increasing propaganda activity of anti-India groups in the US. This decision was taken so as to strengthen Government's efforts to counter such propaganda effectively and to supplement the efforts of our Mission and Posts in the US to project India's viewpoint forcefully.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) The agreement between GOI and the law firm is for a period of six months, following which the performance of the firm will be reviewed before any further extension of the contract.

(d) the contract stipulates an all inclusive rate of US$ 46,000 per month to be paid by GOI to the law firm.

Talks with Chinese Leaders

239. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had discussed with the Chinese leaders the problem of terrorism supported by Pakistan in Kashmir and other parts of India; and

(b) if so, what the reaction of the Chinese authorities?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) In its discussions with the Chinese Government, including during Prime Minister's visit to China in September, 1993. Government have consistently raised the issue of Pakistan's interference in India's internal affairs including support to terrorism in Kashmir and other parts of India. Chinese leaders have stated that they condemn terrorism in any form and would like all countries to honour their obligations in maintaining public order.

US House of Representatives Report about ISI

240. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the US House of Representatives report about the special Inter Services Intelligence force operating in Kashmir assisting Pak trained Kashmiri militants in escalating militancy in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto stating whether the issue based on the report of the US House of Representatives has been taken up with US Government and the Islamic countries about active involvement of Pakistan in training and abetting the militants for subersive activities in the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the Report titled "The New Islamist International" of February 1, 1993 prepared by the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare set up by the US House of Representatives Republican Research Committee. The Section on Pakistan, Afghanistan and the